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WILHEIM FLORIN STEEL AND ROLLING MILL, HENNIGSDORF (6 pp; German; [redacted])

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This document consists of three reports on the Wilhelm Florin Steel and Rolling Mill, Hennigsdorf, formerly known as the Hennigsdorf Steel and Rolling Mill.

1. Monthly report of the Hennigsdorf Mill for September 1951, [redacted] date 25X1X 10 October 1951. Production figures are given for Siemens-Martin steel (17,940 tons), electric steel (510 tons), SM-ingots (15,100 tons), electric steel ingots (325 tons), steel castings (1,078 tons), steel rollers (190 tons), semifinished goods for other plants (4,785 tons), steel bars (11,230 tons), wire rods (1,125 tons), cast iron (1,065 tons), and non-ferrous metal castings (14.5 tons).

The decrease in production is partly due to the new collective agreements, which are to the disadvantage of the workers. Furthermore, material shortages have grown worse because of the stoppage of import deliveries. In short supply are: Steel iron, nickel, chrome, wire cable, various kinds of pipe, steel sections, etc. Producers of the abovementioned materials can hardly produce enough to satisfy reparations and export demands. The Soviet Control Commission has placed the highest priority on the production of turbine steel, the formula for which is kept secret. Experts believe that this type of steel is used as basic material in the production of jet fighters. The report gives information on the slow progress of installation completions, difficulties in operation, and some miscellaneous information.

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2. [redacted] dated 23 October 1951, of a report on the Hennigsdorf Mill, giving information on the progress of work on the plant's installations. E.g., two rolling mills for structural steel sections were installed in the buildings adjacent to the old power plant. The machinery and equipment for these rolling mills were supplied by the Brandenburg Steel and Rolling Mill. Steel of 37.11 quality is produced, exclusively for reparation deliveries. Complete crane installations for the rolling mills, with the exception of two charge cranes, were supplied by the Ardelt Plant, Eberswalde. Including construction and assembly workers, the number of employees at the plant was 7,408 on 10 October 1951. Four Siemens-Martin furnaces with a capacity of 40 tons daily each are in operation. A hardening installation is being set up. The plant is flooded with orders for crankshaft and turbine blade steel. At present, steel deliveries are made by truck to Magdeburg-Buckau.

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3. [redacted] of the 1952 Investment Program of the Hennigsdorf Mill, dated 15 October 1951. Investment items are listed for the steel mill, the rolling mill, and auxiliary installations. Investments are given by value, and are broken down for construction work, installations, equipment, plans, inventory, and tools. The bulk of investments are planned for the rolling mill.

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